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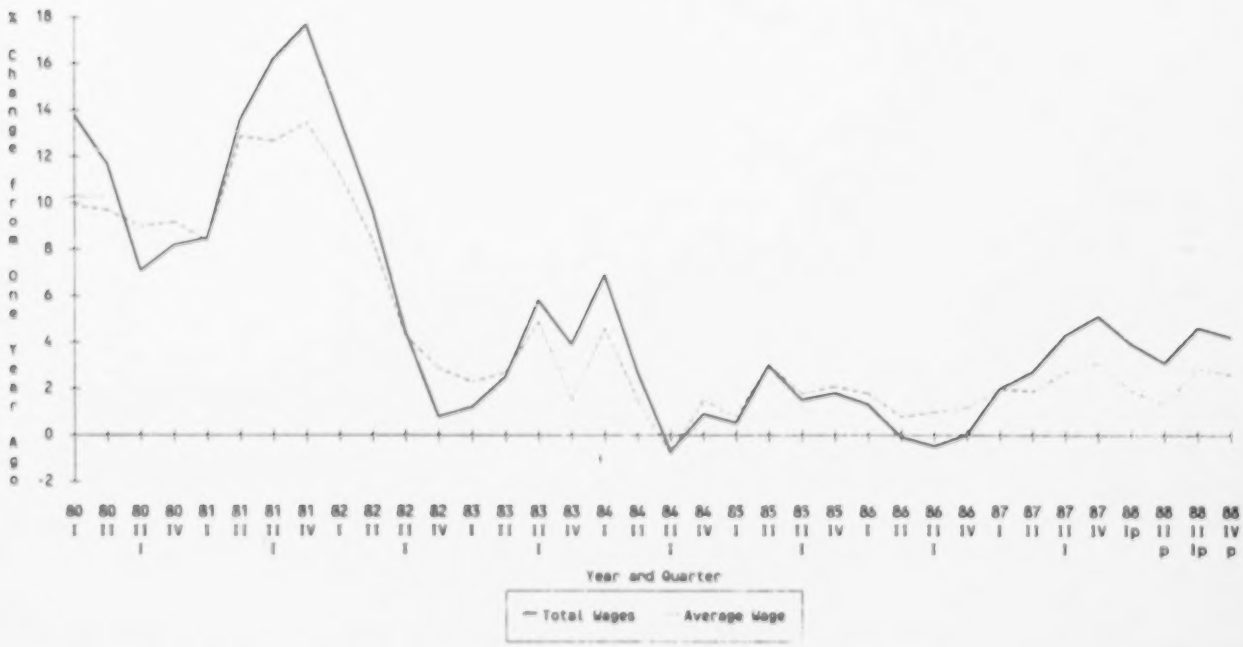

The Hard Road to a Billion Dollars

The fourth quarter (1988 IV) marked the first time that a billion dollars in Job Insurance covered wages were paid in the state of North Dakota. Approximately $9 of every $10 of wages paid in the state are covered by Job Insurance, and a billion dollars marks a milestone. Preliminary data (4/89) indicated that $1,035,416,179 in wages were paid during the last three months of 1988.

The final rush to finish construction work, and to prepare for the holiday shopping season, has meant that the fourth quarter leads all quarters of the year in the amount of wages paid. After strong labor market performance in the late fall of 1987, it wasn't difficult to predict that North Dakota's recovery from its labor market recession of 1986 would put us on the road to a billion dollars in the fall of 1988.

Then, North Dakota experienced its first statewide drought since 1980. Growth in the number of jobs, the average wage (total wages paid divided by the total number of jobs worked), and total wages began to slow during 1988. By the end of the year, the growth in employment and earnings was below the growth rate of 1987. Total wages grew at a rate of 5.1 percent during the fourth quarter of l987 (in comparison to the fourth quarter of 1986). But by the fourth quarter of 1988, total wages were growing at a rate of only 4.2 percent.

Although there are additional reasons for the slowdown in construction, construction was one of at least two nonagricultural industries hard hit by the drought. Job Insurance covered employment fell by 8.5 percent in the third quarter of l988, and by an additional 7 percent in the fourth quarter (compared to one year ago). In the meantime, the average fourth quarter wage in construction grew by only 2 percent in comparison to the average growth of 2.6 percent in wages for all jobs.

At the same time, average earnings in retail employment grew by only 1.7 percent over the fourth quarter of 1987 as employers trimmed hours from employees schedules. Combined with a slowdown in the rate of employment growth, total wages in the retail trade industry grew by only 3.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 1988 compared to a fourth quarter 1987 growth rate of 4.0 percent.

By pressuring the number of hours worked in retail trade, the drought of 1988 served to put into high relief another trend that has become increasingly important since the recession of 1986: The growth rate in total wages paid has begun to separate from the growth rate in average earnings per job (see chart) in response to the increasing number of part-time jobs. In the recent past, the separation in the growth rate of total wages as compared to the average wage (in the period l981 I to 1982 II, and again from 1983 IV to 1984 II) was due to the rapid growth of wage increases in boom industries among a small percentage of the total labor force found in energy construction, mining, and supporting industries. Overtime hours and bottlenecks in the supply of labor during period of boom were largely responsible for total wage growth in excess of average wage growth. Now, however, with the expansion in the number of part-time jobs, average earnings per job have lagged behind (since 1987 II), growing at less than seven-tenths the rate of growth in total earnings. How long the trend continues is unclear. What is clear, however, is that our first billion dollars was one of the hardest.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(ROUNDED TO FIFTY)

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH MAY 1989	PREVIOUS MONTH APRIL 1989	ONE YEAR AGO MAY 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH APRIL 1989	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR MAY 1988
TOTAL	260,700	257,150	259,400	1.4%	0.5%
MINING	3,850	3,650	4,250	5.5%	-9.4%
COAL	1,050	1,050	1,100	0.0%	-4.5%
CRUDE PET. & NAT. GAS	2,400	2,300	2,700	4.3%	-11.1%
OTHER MINING	400	300	450	33.3%	-11.1%
CONSTRUCTION	10,100	8,150	10,800	23.9%	-6.5%
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	2,600	2,200	2,700	18.2%	-3.7%
STREET HIGHWAY & HEAVY	2,500	1,550	3,000	61.3%	-16.7%
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	5,000	4,400	5,100	13.6%	-2.0%
MANUFACTURING	16,050	16,000	16,200	0.3%	-0.9%
DURABLE GOODS	7,800	7,750	7,400	0.6%	5.4%
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	650	550	750	18.2%	-13.3%
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	900	850	850	5.9%	5.9%
MACHINERY & TRANS. EQUIP.	4,900	4,900	4,600	0.0%	6.5%
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1,350	1,450	1,200	-6.9%	12.5%
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,250	8,250	8,800	0.0%	-6.3%
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	4,100	4,150	4,300	-1.2%	-4.7%
DAIRY PRODUCTS	700	700	800	0.0%	-12.5%
FOOD SPECIALITIES & CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	1,100	1,100	1,300	0.0%	-15.4%
BAKERY PRODUCTS	500	500	500	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED	1,800	1,850	1,700	-2.7%	5.9%
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1,750	1,700	2,100	2.9%	-16.7%
TRANS. COMM. & UTILITIES	17,100	17,100	16,700	0.0%	2.4%
TRANSPORTATION	8,900	9,000	8,500	-1.1%	4.7%
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	5,100	5,200	4,900	-1.9%	4.1%
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3,800	3,800	3,600	0.0%	5.6%
COMMUNICATION	3,500	3,500	3,400	0.0%	2.9%
UTILITIES	4,700	4,600	4,800	2.2%	-2.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(Continued)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH MAY 1989	PREVIOUS MONTH APRIL 1989	ONE YEAR AGO MAY 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH APRIL 1989	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR MAY 1988
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,300	19,200	19,900	0.5%	-3.0%
DURABLE GOODS	8,800	8,800	9,100	0.0%	-3.3%
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,500	10,400	10,800	1.0%	-2.8%
RETAIL TRADE	50,000	49,400	49,100	1.2%	1.8%
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	6,300	6,300	6,200	0.0%	1.6%
FOOD STORES	7,200	7,100	6,700	1.4%	7.5%
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE ST.	6,500	6,500	6,700	0.0%	-3.0%
APPAREL & ACCESSORIES	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER RETAIL	27,400	26,900	26,900	1.9%	1.9%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12,100	12,050	12,450	0.4%	-2.8%
FINANCE	6,500	6,500	6,600	0.0%	-1.5%
BANKING	4,100	4,100	4,100	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER FINANCE	2,400	2,400	2,500	0.0%	-4.0%
INSURANCE	3,800	3,800	4,000	0.0%	-5.0%
REAL ESTATE	1,800	1,750	1,850	2.9%	-2.7%
SERVICES	65,100	65,100	63,700	0.0%	2.2%
LODGING	4,400	4,400	4,200	0.0%	4.8%
HEALTH SERVICES	27,200	27,100	26,800	0.4%	1.5%
NURSING CARE & HOSPITALS	19,800	19,700	19,700	0.5%	0.5%
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES	7,400	7,400	7,100	0.0%	4.2%
OTHER SERVICES	33,500	33,600	32,700	-0.3%	2.4%
GOVERNMENT	67,100	66,500	66,300	0.9%	1.2%
FEDERAL	10,400	10,500	10,200	-1.0%	2.0%
STATE GOVERNMENT	20,300	20,200	20,100	0.5%	1.0%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	13,200	13,100	13,000	0.8%	1.5%
OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT	7,100	7,100	7,100	0.0%	0.0%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	36,400	35,800	36,000	1.7%	1.1%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	18,400	18,300	18,000	0.5%	2.2%
OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18,000	17,500	18,000	2.9%	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	MAY 1989	APRIL 1989	MAY 1988	APRIL 1989	MAY 1988
TOTAL	75,900	74,800	73,250	1.5%	3.6%
MINING CONSTRUCTION	3,500	3,000	3,300	16.7%	6.1%
MANUFACTURING	5,200	5,000	4,950	4.0%	5.1%
DURABLE GOODS	2,300	2,100	2,100	9.5%	9.5%
NONDURABLE GOODS	2,900	2,900	2,850	0.0%	1.8%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	4,800	4,700	4,500	2.1%	6.7%
TRADE	22,100	21,800	21,400	1.4%	3.3%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,900	6,800	6,600	1.5%	4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	15,200	15,000	14,800	1.3%	2.7%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4,500	4,400	4,400	2.3%	2.3%
SERVICES	21,100	21,200	20,200	-0.5%	4.5%
GOVERNMENT	14,700	14,700	14,500	0.0%	1.4%
FEDERAL	2,100	2,200	2,100	-4.5%	0.0%
STATE & LOCAL	12,600	12,500	12,400	0.8%	1.6%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	31,200	30,800	30,650	1.3%	1.8%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,350	1,100	1,350	22.7%	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	1,700	1,750	1,750	-2.9%	-2.9%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	1,600	1,550	1,650	3.2%	-3.0%
TRADE	8,850	8,800	8,550	0.6%	3.5%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,550	1,500	1,550	3.3%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	7,300	7,300	7,000	0.0%	4.3%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,100	1,100	1,150	0.0%	-4.3%
SERVICES	6,900	6,900	6,800	0.0%	1.5%
GOVERNMENT	9,700	9,600	9,400	1.0%	3.2%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	38,900	38,700	37,550	0.5%	3.6%
MINING	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	1,550	1,250	1,650	24.0%	-6.1%
MANUFACTURING	2,200	2,100	2,100	4.8%	4.8%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
TRADE	10,300	10,300	9,900	0.0%	4.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,100	2,100	2,200	0.0%	-4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	8,200	8,200	7,700	0.0%	6.5%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,550	1,600	0.0%	-3.1%
SERVICES	11,600	11,700	10,700	-0.9%	8.4%
GOVERNMENT	8,800	8,900	8,700	-1.1%	1.1%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	Percent Change From April 1989	Percent Change From May 1988
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	125,283	125,343	122,917	0.0%	1.9%
Employment	118,888	118,797	116,117	0.1%	2.4%
Unemployment	6,395	6,546	6,800	-2.3%	-6.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	5.2%	5.5%	xxx	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	328,710	321,130	328,620	2.4%	0.0%
Employment	316,540	306,790	313,500	3.2%	1.0%
Unemployment	12,170	14,340	15,120	-15.1%	-19.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.5%	4.6%	xxx	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	86,070	84,570	84,180	1.8%	2.2%
Employment	83,850	81,910	81,900	2.4%	2.4%
Unemployment	2,220	2,660	2,280	-16.5%	-2.6%
Unemployment Rate	2.6%	3.1%	2.7%	xxx	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,550	34,710	35,210	2.4%	1.0%
Employment	34,250	33,280	33,620	2.9%	1.9%
Unemployment	1,300	1,430	1,590	-9.1%	-18.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.1%	4.5%	xxx	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	45,970	45,070	44,610	2.0%	3.0%
Employment	44,330	43,240	42,540	2.5%	4.2%
Unemployment	1,640	1,830	2,070	-10.4%	-20.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.1%	4.6%	xxx	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

APRIL 1989
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	321.1	358.2	2,299.8	398.5
Employment	306.8	345.6	2,191.0	374.4
Unemployment	14.3	12.6	108.8	24.1
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	3.5%	4.7%	6.1%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988
Manufacturing	425.77	426.81	414.73	40.9	41.0	40.9	10.41	10.41	10.14
Durable Goods	453.60	455.78	444.94	41.5	41.7	41.7	10.93	10.93	10.67
Nondurable Goods	387.20	386.97	374.26	40.0	40.1	39.9	9.68	9.65	9.38

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988
Manufacturing	356.00	337.65	329.61	40.0	38.9	39.1	8.90	8.68	8.43
Durable Goods	385.42	374.59	363.49	42.4	41.9	41.4	9.09	8.94	8.78
Nondurable Goods	325.99	299.65	299.77	37.6	35.8	37.1	8.67	8.37	8.08
Food & Kindred	331.93	305.11	318.16	39.8	37.3	38.8	8.34	8.18	8.20
Printing and Publishing	279.55	273.77	272.38	31.2	30.9	30.4	8.96	8.86	8.96

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988
Manufacturing	328.32	343.47	320.04	38.0	39.8	38.1	8.64	8.63	8.40
Durable Goods	332.74	359.01	320.30	39.1	41.6	39.3	8.51	8.63	8.15
Nondurable Goods	323.75	331.78	320.29	37.0	38.4	37.2	8.75	8.64	8.61

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

(1982-84=100) ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

ITEM	Annual Average 1988	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	Percent Change From April 1989	Percent Change From May 1988
All Items	118.3	123.8	123.1	117.5	0.6%	5.4%
Food & Beverage	118.2	124.9	124.0	117.1	0.7%	6.7%
Housing	118.5	122.1	121.6	117.7	0.4%	3.7%
Apparel & Upkeep	115.4	120.4	120.9	116.3	-0.4%	3.5%
Transportation	108.7	116.0	114.6	108.1	1.2%	7.3%
Medical Care	138.6	147.5	146.8	137.5	0.5%	7.3%
Entertainment	120.3	125.5	125.4	119.7	0.1%	4.8%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	Annual Average 1988	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	Percent Change From April 1989	Percent Change From May 1988
All Commodities	106.9	113.1	112.3	106.5	0.7%	6.2%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	110.0	116.9	115.1	108.1	1.6%	8.1%
Industrial Commodities	106.3	112.4	111.7	106.1	0.6%	5.9%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988
Divide	1,325	1,269	1,463	1,289	1,226	1,428	36	43	35	2.7%	3.4%	2.4%
McKenzie	2,890	2,820	2,973	2,811	2,698	2,845	79	122	128	2.7%	4.3%	4.3%
Williams	11,467	11,200	11,545	11,024	10,658	10,890	443	542	655	3.9%	4.8%	5.7%
REGION 1	15,682	15,289	15,981	15,124	14,582	15,163	558	707	818	3.6%	4.6%	5.1%
Bottineau	3,551	3,425	3,662	3,391	3,222	3,470	160	203	192	4.5%	5.9%	5.2%
Burke	1,266	1,242	1,365	1,208	1,171	1,299	58	71	66	4.6%	5.7%	4.8%
McHenry	2,469	2,472	2,703	2,224	2,156	2,406	245	316	297	9.9%	12.8%	11.0%
Mountrail	3,273	3,182	3,405	3,077	2,969	3,175	196	213	230	6.0%	6.7%	6.8%
Pierce	2,409	2,394	2,567	2,334	2,294	2,469	75	100	98	3.1%	4.2%	3.8%
Renville	1,227	1,169	1,247	1,173	1,114	1,192	54	55	55	4.4%	4.7%	4.4%
Ward	26,021	25,710	26,196	24,949	24,432	24,839	1,072	1,278	1,357	4.1%	5.0%	5.2%
REGION 2	40,216	39,594	41,145	38,356	37,358	38,850	1,860	2,236	2,295	4.6%	5.6%	5.6%
Benson	4,311	4,141	3,514	4,085	3,911	3,313	226	230	201	5.2%	5.6%	5.7%
Cavalier	2,746	2,666	2,750	2,594	2,462	2,593	152	204	157	5.5%	7.7%	5.7%
Eddy	1,418	1,431	1,482	1,335	1,315	1,355	83	116	127	5.9%	8.1%	8.6%
Ramsey	6,538	6,333	6,671	6,293	6,086	6,389	245	247	282	3.7%	3.9%	4.2%
Rolette	4,183	4,050	4,809	3,539	3,415	3,801	644	635	1,008	15.4%	15.7%	21.0%
Towner	1,624	1,635	1,757	1,588	1,574	1,710	36	61	47	2.2%	3.7%	2.7%
REGION 3	20,820	20,256	20,983	19,434	18,763	19,161	1,386	1,493	1,822	6.7%	7.4%	8.7%
Grand Forks	35,551	34,701	35,212	34,253	33,275	33,618	1,298	1,426	1,594	3.7%	4.1%	4.5%
Nelson	1,866	1,878	1,963	1,783	1,775	1,864	83	103	99	4.4%	5.5%	5.0%
Pembina	5,547	5,566	5,394	5,143	5,079	4,980	404	487	414	7.3%	8.7%	7.7%
Walsh	7,896	7,756	8,138	7,551	7,376	7,781	345	380	357	4.4%	4.9%	4.4%
REGION 4	50,860	49,901	50,707	48,730	47,505	48,243	2,130	2,396	2,464	4.2%	4.8%	4.9%
Cass	60,958	59,434	58,898	59,764	58,041	57,440	1,194	1,393	1,458	2.0%	2.3%	2.5%
Ransom	2,757	2,702	2,789	2,699	2,629	2,690	58	73	99	2.1%	2.7%	3.5%
Richland	8,429	8,358	8,728	8,176	7,987	8,360	253	371	368	3.0%	4.4%	4.2%
Sargent	2,793	2,703	2,729	2,720	2,627	2,650	73	76	79	2.6%	2.8%	2.9%
Steele	1,128	1,089	1,170	1,086	1,023	1,131	42	66	39	3.7%	6.1%	3.3%
Traill	4,491	4,407	4,464	4,315	4,177	4,270	176	230	194	3.9%	5.2%	4.3%
REGION 5	80,556	78,693	78,778	78,760	76,484	76,541	1,796	2,209	2,237	2.2%	2.8%	2.8%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988
Barnes	5,501	5,415	5,943	5,303	5,175	5,684	198	240	259	3.6%	4.4%	4.4%
Dickey	3,008	2,933	3,204	2,925	2,860	3,074	83	73	130	2.8%	2.5%	4.1%
Foster	2,211	2,179	2,187	2,140	2,079	2,098	71	100	89	3.2%	4.6%	4.1%
Griggs	1,604	1,544	1,555	1,553	1,471	1,520	51	73	35	3.2%	4.7%	2.3%
La Moure	2,338	2,305	2,464	2,274	2,213	2,362	64	92	102	2.7%	4.0%	4.1%
Logan	1,514	1,458	1,507	1,478	1,412	1,462	36	46	45	2.4%	3.2%	3.0%
McIntosh	2,299	2,261	2,291	2,264	2,221	2,246	35	40	45	1.5%	1.8%	2.0%
Stutsman	12,415	12,148	12,318	12,029	11,676	11,854	386	472	464	3.1%	3.9%	3.8%
Wells	2,806	2,773	2,924	2,631	2,563	2,745	175	210	179	6.2%	7.6%	6.1%
REGION 6	33,696	33,016	34,393	32,597	31,670	33,045	1,099	1,346	1,348	3.3%	4.1%	3.9%
Burleigh	33,553	32,821	32,558	32,398	31,602	31,087	1,155	1,219	1,471	3.4%	3.7%	4.5%
Emmons	2,072	2,041	2,162	1,985	1,937	2,050	87	104	112	4.2%	5.1%	5.2%
Grant	1,756	1,683	1,888	1,692	1,616	1,805	64	67	83	3.6%	4.0%	4.4%
Kidder	1,592	1,535	1,580	1,499	1,403	1,482	93	132	98	5.8%	8.6%	6.2%
McLean	4,546	4,291	4,859	4,350	4,035	4,622	196	256	237	4.3%	6.0%	4.9%
Mercer	5,976	5,739	6,037	5,721	5,403	5,696	255	336	341	4.3%	5.9%	5.6%
Morton	12,414	12,251	12,053	11,933	11,639	11,450	481	612	603	3.9%	5.0%	5.0%
Oliver	1,348	1,130	1,311	1,306	1,075	1,264	42	55	47	3.1%	4.9%	3.6%
Sheridan	1,167	1,108	1,205	1,113	1,035	1,147	54	73	58	4.6%	6.6%	4.8%
Sioux	1,180	1,161	1,213	1,099	1,079	1,118	81	82	95	6.9%	7.1%	7.8%
REGION 7	65,604	63,760	64,866	63,096	60,824	61,721	2,508	2,936	3,145	3.8%	4.6%	4.8%
Adams	1,668	1,618	1,711	1,624	1,579	1,669	44	39	42	2.6%	2.4%	2.5%
Billings	901	701	913	873	669	882	28	32	31	3.1%	4.6%	3.4%
Bowman	2,113	2,058	2,178	2,057	1,986	2,121	56	72	57	2.7%	3.5%	2.6%
Dunn	1,654	1,574	1,691	1,528	1,430	1,569	126	144	122	7.6%	9.1%	7.2%
Golden Valley	1,132	1,076	1,063	1,105	1,045	1,028	27	31	35	2.4%	2.9%	3.3%
Hettinger	1,737	1,722	1,863	1,682	1,631	1,774	55	91	89	3.2%	5.3%	4.8%
Slope	468	451	478	448	428	453	20	23	25	4.3%	5.1%	5.2%
Stark	11,594	11,417	11,867	11,125	10,835	11,274	469	582	593	4.0%	5.1%	5.0%
REGION 8	21,267	20,617	21,764	20,442	19,603	20,770	825	1,014	994	3.9%	4.9%	4.6%
STATE TOTAL	328,703	321,129	328,617	316,538	306,789	313,497	12,165	14,340	15,120	3.7%	4.5%	4.6%

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